



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Approved September 8, 2021

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this duly noticed meeting was held entirely online and telephonically.

Document copies were shown online and available at
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xaVZzSxER6bbjdAHm93zLn61KirHdk3z>.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order (Conrad Starr)

A duly noticed Meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council ("GWNC") Board of Directors was held online. President Conrad Starr called the meeting to order at 6:33 p. m.

B. Roll Call (Jennifer DeVore)

The Secretary called the roll. Fifteen of the 21 Board Members or their Alternates were present online at the Roll Call: Jeffrey Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal-Keane, Brian Curran, Charles D'Atri (Vice-President), Jennifer DeVore (Secretary), Mike Genewick, Gary Gilbert, John Gresham (Alternate for Michael Duggan), Stephanie Lee, Beau Lloyd (Alternate for Stephanie Shim), Cathy Roberts, Owen Smith, Conrad Starr (President), Bindhu Varghese and John Winther. Five Board Members arrived later: Scott Appel, Hayden Conner Ashworth (Alternate for Bailey Benningfield), Patricia Carroll (Treasurer), Philip Farha (Alternate for Christopher Hauck) and Juan Portillo Jr. Brian Donahoe was absent and not represented by an Alternate. The GWNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 13 (see the Bylaws link at <https://greaterwilshire.org/bylaws-board-rules>), so the Board could take such votes. All 21 of the 21 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seat was vacant. Five Alternate Seats were vacant [see Item #VII. B. 2; to apply see www.GreaterWilshire.org]. Also attended: at least 17 Stakeholders and guests, including Parliamentarian James Stewart.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- ### **A. Street Tree Inventory - Melinda Gejer, Public Policy Coordinator, StreetsLA. Stephen Duprey, of the City's Urban Forestry Division, spoke about this.**

III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Fourth Council District (Su Lee)

Su Lee, Field Manager for L.A. City District Four Council Nithya Raman (323-957-6415; Su.Lee@LACity.org; <http://CD4.LACity.org>), was not present; there was no report.

- B. Fifth Council District (Jill Kline)
Jill Kline, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz [323-866-1828; Jill.Kline@LACity.org; www.LACity.org/council/cd5], reported on their work.
- C. Office of the Mayor (Angie Aramayo)
Mr. Starr relayed that Angie Aramayo, Central Area Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti [213-978-3130; Angie.Aramayo@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>], will report next month.
- D. LA County Second Supervisor District (Daniel Park)
Daniel Park, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Two Supervisor Holly Mitchell (213-974-2222; DPark@bos.LACounty.gov; <https://LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/holly-mitchell>), reported that the Supervisor will meet with NC leaders “at the end of August” about leaders’ priorities.
- E. LA County Third Supervisor District (Erin Seinfeld)
Erin Seinfeld, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl [310-231-1170; ESeinfeld@bos.LACounty.gov; <http://www.LACounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>], encouraged signing up for the Supervisor’s newsletter and reported that property owners’ “decline in value” filing deadline is November 1st. Regarding the COVID-19 virus pandemic, “we’re in a very concerning place”; infections have increased 500% this month. She noted that “99% of the people getting sick are unvaccinated.” The Public Health Dept. recommends wearing a mask indoors.
- F. LAPD Olympic & Wilshire Divisions (SLOs Cho, Pelayo, Cordova, Rodriguez)
Mr. Starr reported that Dave Cordova, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [cell/text phone 213-793-0650; 31646@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com], emailed that he could not attend.
- Hebel Rodriguez, an LAPD Wilshire Division Senior Lead Officer [office 213-473-0476; cell/text phone 213-793-0715; 35738@LAPD.LACity.org; www.LAPDWilshire.com], was not present; there was no report.
- G. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (John Darnell)
Mr. Starr reported that DONE General Manager Raquel Beltran said they will provide clarity about having John Darnell, a DONE Neighborhood Council Advocate [213-978-1551; John.Darnell@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org] or another representative attend GWNC Board meetings.
- H. Other Government Representatives
Ned Racine, Metro Senior Construction Relations Officer [cell 213-479-7884, RacineN@metro.net; 24-hour information 213-922-6934; Bus Rapid Transit 24-hour hotline 213-922-2500+1; PurpleLineExt@metro.net; www.facebook.com/PurpleLineExt; www.Twitter.com/PurpleLineExt; www.metro.net/PurpleLineExt], reported on Purple Line construction progress.

IV. GWNC LIAISON REPORTS

A. LADWP

Jack Humphreville reported that the LA100 renewables program is being developed.

B. Budget Representatives

Mr. Humphreville (Jack@BudgetAdvocates.org) reported that the City received \$1.3 billion from the federal government. The City reserve fund had been reduced from 10% to 7% of the budget. Being a Budget Representative can lead to becoming a Budget Advocate [<http://BudgetAdvocates.org> or <http://ncbala.com>].

C. LANCC

Mr. Humphreville reported that a Task Force was formed to evaluate the performance of DONE and BONC (L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners) [213-978-1551; Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org].

D. Public Works Liaison

Mr. Ashworth will send information to Mr. Starr for distribution.

E. Homelessness Liaison

Joy McManus reported that LAHSA [LA Homeless Services Authority; 213-683-3333; <http://lahsa.org>; www.facebook.com/lahsa.org] has 250 people doing outreach, and that the City is required to build 456,000 housing units in the next eight years. She described funding available to buy housing and provide legal services. The City, on July 27th, will consider legislation regarding sleeping or tenting on sidewalks.

F. Other Liaisons

There were no other liaison reports at this time.

G. Alliances

Stakeholder Max Kirkham, LGBTQ+ Alliance Chair, reported that the Alliance met with DONE's Raquel Beltran regarding training for NC Board Members. The next Alliance meeting will be August 18th at 7:00 p.m.; all are welcome. More information is at LALGBTQAlliance.com. Dan Kegel, NC Sustainability Alliance representative, reported on proposed legislation regarding housing parking minimums.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Scott Epstein, former Mid City West Community Council Chair, announced that he is running to be elected L.A. City District Five (CD5) Councilmember. More information is at Scott4LA.com.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report

Mr. Starr reported that the City Clerk's Office issued him a Letter of Reprimand; there was a successful challenge to Mr. Starr's recent election to the GWNC; he had uploaded a document with metadata related to his campaign to the GWNC website; he later deleted the document from the GWNC website. He encouraged contacting him at President@GreaterWilshire.org with questions or comments. He will not be appointing an ad hoc Redistricting Committee at this time.

B. Treasurer's Report (Discussion and Possible Action) Please refer to MER in the Supporting Documents folder (<https://greaterwilshire.org/bddocs>).

1. Motion to Approve Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2021.

Card Expenses
6/3 Public Storage \$160.00
6/8 Larchmont Chronicle June \$188.00
6/9 Lloyd Staffing SF Admin \$349.60
6/9 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$147.53
6/9 Dropbox Professional \$ 77.82
6/9 Dropbox individual renewal \$119.88
6/16 Adobe Inc \$179.88
6/16 Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes \$428.63
6/19 Larchmont Buzz \$300.00
6/20 DRI Printing - Biz Cards \$ 91.63
6/20 Office Depot \$119.43

Check Expenses
5/25 Congress of Neighborhoods \$250.00
6/1 Anderson Munger YMCA NPG \$500.00
6/1 Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles NPG \$1000.00

Ms. Carroll reviewed the above.

Alternate Board Member Philip Farha (for Christopher Hauck) arrived online at this time (7:49), making 19 Board Members (or their Alternate(s)) present online (the GWNC quorum was thirteen).

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2021.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

2. Motion to Approve Individual Expenses Listed in the June 2021 MER.

Ms. Carroll reviewed that.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the individual expenditures it made in June 2021.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with all 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Starr, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; zero abstained. Mr. Genewick was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

3. Review of June 2021 Board Expenses that Will Appear on the July 2021 MER.

Lloyd Staffing DL Minutes TB
Enrich LA NPG \$500

Parliamentarian \$600

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

4. Roll Over Expenses: to be confirmed in August.

Ms. Carroll noted the above.

C. Vice President's Report

Mr. D'Atri indicated that there was no report.

D. Secretary's Report

Ms. DeVore reminded that some Board Members need to complete trainings soon to expire.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (VII.A.1.-6.) without Board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

1. Adoption of April 14, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes
2. Adoption of April 21, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. Adoption of April 21, 2021 Continuation of April 14 General Board Meeting Minutes
4. Adoption of May 12, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes
5. Adoption of June 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
6. Adoption of June 9, 2021 General Board Meeting Minutes

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item numbers VII. A. 1.-6.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED unanimously with zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Board Member and Board Alternate Administration

1. Board Member Vacancies: (none)

Mr. Starr noted the above.

2. Alternate Board Member Vacancies: Positions eligible for nominations of qualified candidates: Area 1 - Brookside (fillable on 7/21); Area 2 - Citrus Square, Area 4 - Fremont Place, Area 9 - Oakwood/Maplewood/St. Andrews, Area 12 - Western-Wilton.

a) Applicants (others may express interest at the meeting)

(1) Zubin Davar: Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate

Mr. Davar introduced himself and described his interest in serving the community. He lives in Citrus Square and would like to be on the Sustainability Committee.

(2) Steve Kang - Western-Wilton

Mr. Kang was not present.

b) Nominations

(1) Zubin Davar: Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate

Mr. Carpenter nominated Zubin Davar as the Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate Board Member.

(2) Steve Kang - Western-Wilton

Mr. Kang was not present and no nomination was made.

c) Elections and/or Motions. Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving as a replacement Director or Alternate are invited to contact secretary@greaterwilshire.org for more information.

Parliamentarian James Stewart noted that no Motion or second is needed for nominations. Zubin Davar was **ELECTED** as the Area 2 - Citrus Square Alternate Board Member by a roll call vote of the 19 eligible voters present with 18 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

3. Administer Neighborhood Council Oath of Office to Board Members and Alternates “I pledge to represent the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value and consider everyone’s opinion. I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.”

Mr. Davar and Bob Reeves (Alternate for Patricia Carroll) read aloud the above Oath.

4. Board Member and Alternate Training Requirements: All board members and alternates must complete ethics and funding training in order to vote on funding motions before the board. The training courses and instructions can be found at <http://empowerla.org/boardmembers>.

a) Ethics and/or Funding Training Needed per DONE: Donahoe, Portillo, Genewick, Cantor, Rielly, McCloskey, Burke, Reeves, Schneider, Rosenberg.

Ms. DeVore had noted the above

b) Check EmpowerLA.org/GWNC for your training expirations.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

5. Code of Conduct Policy: Board Members and Alternates are required to read and sign the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct Policy within 30 days of their election or appointment.
 - a) Needed: Donahoe, McCloskey, Reeves, Schneider, Rosenberg.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

- C. Liaison and Alliance Appointments - see <https://empowerla.org/liaison>.
 1. Appointment of Owen Smith as GWNC Representative to the Region 5 Grievance Panel.

Mr. Carpenter nominated Owen Smith.

Board Member Scott Appel was unavailable to vote at this time, making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

Owen Smith was **ELECTED** as the GWNC Representative to the Region 5 Grievance Panel by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 17 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lee, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

- D. Authorization of Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers:
 1. Motion: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board:
 - Filer #1: Conrad Starr
 - Filer #2: Jennifer DeVore
 - Filer #3: Philip Farha
 - Filer #4: Charles D’Atri
 - Filer #5: _____

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to **TABLE** this Item to the next Board Meeting.

- E. Assistant and Administrative Appointments
 1. Zoom Moderator(s): see <https://empowerla.org/evg>
 2. Assistant Secretary. Anyone interested?
 3. Assistant Treasurer. Anyone interested?

There were no such volunteers or appointments.

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEES (Discussion and Possible Action).

- A. Staffing Committee Report (Chair: Cindy Chvatal-Keane)

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the expansion of responsibilities of the Staffing Committee to include review and editing for the new job description and to allow for word of mouth to increase participation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Stewart advised that consideration of changes to the Committee's role be put off to the next Board Meeting. Ms. Chvatal said that the Committee's job description is too narrow. There was discussion of the description. No vote was taken.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #XV. B. 2. a).

IX. OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Colette Amin).

A. Upcoming Outreach Committee Meeting. The next regular GWNC Outreach Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, August 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom ID #982 7679 1581.

Mr. Starr indicated that Ms. Amin was not present. No report or Motion was made or vote taken. He noted the above.

X. LAND USE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Philip Farha).

A. Report on the June 22, 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting.

Mr. Farha reported.

[The following sub-section first paragraphs are copied from the Agenda.]

B. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (X.B.1.-4.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

It was requested that Item # X. B. 2. be pulled from the Consent Calendar Motion.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Mr. Farha, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item numbers X. B. 1., 3. and 4.

Board Members Scott Appel was again available to vote by this time and Stephanie Lee left, keeping 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr).

1. 930 S. Mansfield Ave.: (Discussion and Possible Action) (Paul Woo, Jay Jang, Edward Solis, Christopher Pak). Nela Homes plans to build a new 4-story multifamily residential building with a subterranean level on a site where the previous structure has already been demolished. Zoning R3-1 - Sycamore Square (Area 11). Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the new construction project located at

930 S. Mansfield Ave. as presented on June 22, 2021 pending design changes and neighborhood outreach.

See above Item #X. B.

2. 242-244 N. Larchmont Blvd.: (Dafne Gokcen) Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a 1,874 sq ft restaurant with 38 interior seats and 12 seats on a 163 sq ft patio partially located on the public right-of-way, with hours of operation from 8:00 am - 12:00 am daily. Case No. ZA-2021-4313-CUB. Zoning [Q]C2-1D. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the CUP for the restaurant located at 242-244 N. Larchmont Blvd. as presented June 22, 2021 for a full line of alcohol and closing hours of midnight.

This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #X. B. 4.

MOTION (by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council opposes the CUP for the restaurant located at 242-244 N. Larchmont Blvd. as presented at the June 22, 2021 Land Use Committee meeting for a full line of alcohol and closing hours of midnight, which the Committee decided was inappropriate for Larchmont Village restaurants.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of this. Project representative Manny Diaz said they want to “narrow” their requests; “we have every intention” to “alter” their request to accommodate community requests. They want to make “one more presentation to the Land Use Committee.” There was discussion about whether to vote on this at this time.

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Farha): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Postpones Item #X. B. 2. to the next Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gresham noted that this main Motion is typical for the Committee; the developer can re-present. Ms. Usher believed it to be “wrong” for a developer to have project discussions with Committee and/or Board Members outside of public meetings. Mr. Winther said “we only can deal with the printed word.” Ms. Varghese believed it to be “reasonable” to postpone such a vote “on a case-by-case basis.”

MOTION to POSTPONE FAILED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Gilbert, Farha, Roberts and Varghese); 10 opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Appel, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gresham, Smith and Winther); four abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Lloyd and Starr).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gresham reiterated that this is a “standard” Motion for the GWNC.

MAIN MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 13 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gresham, Smith and Winther); zero opposed; five abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Gilbert, Lloyd, Roberts, Starr and Varghese).

Mr. Starr reminded Board Members to be mindful of the Brown Act regarding discussing GWNC business.

3. 506-508 N. Sycamore Ave.: (Janet Chan) Demolition of one (1) duplex; subdivision of one (1) lot into five (5) lots for the construction, use, and maintenance of five (5) small lot homes on a 7,430 gross sq ft site. There are no protected trees on site and the proposed project would export up to 500 cubic yards of earth. Case No. VTT-82842-SL. CEQA No. ENV-2019-6972-CE. Zoning RD1.5-1XL - Melrose (Area 8). Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council reassert and clarify its opposition to the small lot subdivision project located at 506-508 N. Sycamore Ave. and send a letter to the Planning Department and the Council Office.

See above Item #X. B.

4. 807 N. Cherokee Ave.: (Dan Bibawi) Demolition Pre-inspection Application No. B21WL01738/21019-30000-01473. Zoning RD1.5-1XL - Melrose (Area 8). Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council oppose the demolition project located at 807 N. Cherokee Ave. pending the applicant appearing at the Land Use Committee meeting and conducting neighborhood outreach.

See above Item #X. B.

C. Committee Membership

1. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoint stakeholders Madison Baker, Rory Cunningham, Karen Gilman, Dick Herman, Susan O'Connell, Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo, and Jane Usher; and appoint GWNC Board Directors and Alternates Patti Carroll, Philip Farha, John Gresham, Cathy Roberts, and David Trainer to be the members of the GWNC Land Use Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. D'Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints stakeholders Madison Baker, Rory Cunningham, Karen Gilman, Dick Herman, Susan O'Connell, Daniela Prowizor-Lacayo, and Jane Usher; and appoints GWNC Board Directors and Alternates Patti Carroll, Philip Farha, John Gresham, Cathy Roberts, and David Trainer to be the members of the GWNC Land Use Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 17 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D'Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither "yes" votes or "no" votes) (Starr).

- D. Next GWNC Land Use Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom ID #915 2786 9326.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

XI. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Gary Gilbert)

- A. Report on the July 8, 2021 Resilience Committee Meeting.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the meeting went “well” and thanked those who helped. He described discussions regarding a mission statement [see below Item #XI. E.] and Resilience Plan outline.

B. Committee Regular Meeting Schedule

1. Motion: The Resilience Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of every month.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council moves that the Resilience Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of every month.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Kirkham commended Mr. Gilbert on the productive meeting.

C. Committee Membership

1. Possible Motion: The GWNC appoints stakeholders April Hannon and Max Kirkham; and GWNC Board Directors and Alternates Hayden Conner Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Gary Gilbert, and Conrad Starr as Members of the Resilience Committee.

It was agreed to revise the word “Directors” to “Members.”

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints stakeholders April Hannon and Max Kirkham; and GWNC Board Members and Alternates Hayden Conner Ashworth, Jeffry Carpenter, Gary Gilbert, and Conrad Starr as Members of the Resilience Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Stewart explained that a President is considered to be an ex officio committee member and that it is allowed for a President to be on a Committee as “only a member, but not a Chair.” He added that, in general, a President cannot Chair an ad hoc Committee; however, there might be a specific ad hoc Committee dealing with governance on which it might be allowed for a President to be a member. Mr. Carpenter withdrew his name from consideration.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 18 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Farha, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther); zero opposed; two abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Appel and Starr).

D. Committee Secretary

1. Motion: The GWNC appoints April Hannon as Secretary of the Resilience Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints April Hannon as Secretary of the Resilience Committee.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

E. Mission Statement

1. Motion: [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Ms. Roberts): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council adopts the following as recommended by the Committee: “The mission of the GWNC Resilience Committee is to strengthen the emergency preparedness of the community by empowering every stakeholder through: Developing a continuity of operations plan; Taking steps to ensure the ability of the GWNC to serve the community after a natural disaster; Advocating for preparedness in the event of a natural disaster; Facilitating connections between stakeholders and community resilience partners; and Purposefully including all voices in our community in our emergency preparedness planning.”

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

F. Upcoming Resilience Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Resilience Committee Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2021, via Zoom ID #889 6098 2957.

Mr. Gilbert noted the above and that there is a Committee Seat opening.

Parliamentarian James Stewart left at this time (9:38).

XII. ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible action) (Chair: Cathy Roberts).

A. Report on the June 1, 2021 Sustainability Committee Meeting.

Ms. Roberts reported that the Committee had “a very interesting and lively conversation” about subjects including the GWNC Biodiversity Project, the current drought and LADWP’s update to the Urban Water Management Plan. New members would be welcomed.

B. Committee Administration

1. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoint stakeholders Polly Chu, Polly Estabrook, and Dan Kegel; and appoint GWNC Board Directors Cathy Roberts and Bindhu Varghese to be the Members of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

Alternate Board Member Philip Farha had left at this time (9:42), making 17 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints stakeholders Polly Chu, Polly Estabrook, and Dan Kegel; and appoint GWNC Board Directors Cathy Roberts and Bindhu Varghese to be the Members of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 17 eligible voters present with 16 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Ashworth, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Genewick, Gilbert, Gresham, Lloyd, Roberts, Smith, Varghese and Winther);

zero opposed; one abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Starr).

2. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoint Dan Kegel as Secretary of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Smith): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Dan Kegel as Secretary of the GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

3. NOTE: Anyone wishing to join and/or chair the Committee should contact the Acting Sustainability Chair and the GWNC Secretary with a letter of interest and qualifications. The committee address is sustainability@greaterwilshire.org.

The above was noted.

- C. Upcoming Sustainability Committee Meeting. Next GWNC Environmental & Sustainability Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 via Zoom ID #928 2781 1179.

Ms. Roberts noted the above.

XIII. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (Discussion and Possible Action) (Chair: Charles D’Atri).

- A. Report on the May 2021 Quality of Life Committee Meeting.

Mr. D’Atri reported that Mr. Gresham expressed interest in becoming a Committee Member, which the Committee unanimously supported; Mr. Starr will Agendize that for Board approval.

- B. Upcoming Quality of Life Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Quality of Life Regular Meeting will be 7 p.m., Weds, August 25, 2021, via Zoom ID #849 7793 0618.

Mr. D’Atri noted that the Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m., not the usual 7:00 p.m. The Committee will discuss a Mission Statement.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Discussion and possible Action) (Chair: Cindy Chvatal).

- A. Report on the May 24, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Ms. Chvatal reported that the Committee discussed, among other things, pedestrian safety on Beverly Blvd. between Rossmore Ave. and June St., and traffic safety at Melrose and Highland.

- B. Committee Membership

1. Resignations: Philip Farha and Chris Palencia.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

2. Nominated by the Committee: Stakeholders Dina Phillips (Area 5), Mike Sanchez (Area 5), Max Kirkham (Area 9).

The above was noted.

3. Motion: That the GWNC appoint all existing Committee members who have expressed a desire to remain on the Committee—which are Board Members Jeffry Carpenter (Area 2), Cindy Chvatal (Area 5), and Conrad Starr (Area 11)—and stakeholders Jonah Bliss (Area 11) and Jon Vein (Area 5)—as well as Dina Phillips (Area 5), Mike Sanchez (Area 5), and Max Kirkham (Area 9) to the Transportation Committee, subject to the Board agreeing to modify the rules such that these two civic-minded community members be allowed to serve

It was agreed to make the Motion without including the Areas,

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints all existing Committee members who have expressed a desire to remain on the Committee—which are Board Members Jeffry Carpenter, Cindy Chvatal, and Conrad Starr—and stakeholders Jonah Bliss and Jon Vein—as well as Dina Phillips, Mike Sanchez, and Max Kirkham to the Transportation Committee, subject to the Board agreeing to modify the rules such that these two civic-minded community members be allowed to serve.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Chvatal said “there’s room for nine people on the Committee.” Mr. Starr ruled that “the Motion as stated is out of order.”

MOTION to POSTPONE (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Postpones Item #XIV. B. 3. to the next Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. D’Atri recommended that the Motion be split into two Motions; Ms. Usher supported that.

MOTION to POSTPONE PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Juan Portillo arrived at this time (9:57), making 18 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

C. Committee Secretary

1. Motion: That the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoint Jeffry Carpenter as Secretary of its Transportation Committee.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Jeffry Carpenter as Secretary of its Transportation Committee.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Upcoming Transportation Committee Meeting. The next GWNC Transportation Committee Regular Meeting will be on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom ID #921 5993 5555.

Ms. Chvatal noted the above.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (XV.A.1.-3.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

1. Motion: The GWNC directs the Outreach Committee to bring its recommendations regarding the 7/1/21 Draft Digital Media Policy to the August GWNC Board Meeting.
2. Motion: The GWNC directs the GWNC Outreach Committee to provide its recommendations regarding advertising placements in the Larchmont Buzz (\$1,920 allocated) and Larchmont Chronicle (\$2,256 allocated).

Mr. Portillo requested that Item #XV. A 3. be pulled from the Consent Calendar Motion.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Carpenter): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item numbers XV. A. 1.-2.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED unanimously with zero opposed; zero abstained.

3. Motion: The GWNC appoints Brian Curran to collect the 2021 GWNC Election Materials from the Office of the City Clerk.

MOTION (by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. D’Atri): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council appoints Brian Curran to collect the 2021 GWNC Election Materials from the Office of the City Clerk.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kirkham noted that the City Clerk will destroy the records if they’re not picked up, then “the GWNC will have no record” of election voting. Stakeholder Joe Suh said “I don’t trust this Board” regarding personal information and data security.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. GWNC Job Openings for Support Staff

1. GWNC Webmaster/IT Manager

There were no volunteers or nominations.

2. GWNC Administrator

a) Possible Motion: to change the administrator job description.

This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. Ms. Chvatal indicated that time was needed to change the description. Ms. DeVore requested that a Special Board Meeting be held. No Motion was made or vote taken.

The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #IX.

3. Advertising of Job Openings

- a) Possible Motion: That the GWNC purchase a sponsored post in the Larchmont Buzz at a cost of up to \$250.
- b) Possible Motion: That the GWNC purchase an email ad in the Larchmont Buzz at a cost of up to \$125.
- c) Possible Motion: That the GWNC purchase an advertisement in the Larchmont Chronicle and/or Beverly Press for up to \$500.

Mr. Starr declared that Item #XV. B. was “postponed indefinitely.”

C. Community Forestry Advisory Committee (CFAC) CD4 Representative

1. Motion: The GWNC recommends _____ to represent CD4 on the CFAC.

MOTION (by Ms. Chvatal, seconded by Ms. DeVore): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council recommends Stakeholder Patty Lombard to represent CD4 on the Community Forestry Advisory Committee.

MOTION PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Appointment of up to six board members* to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021. (*A board member and their alternate will count as one.)

Mr. Ashworth spoke of the Civic University’s value. Mr. Starr requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item to next month’s Board Meeting. He appointed Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Portillo and Ms. Varghese; three more spots are available.

XVI. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS), PROCLAMATIONS (Discussion and Possible Action).

A. Consent Calendar: a single motion approves the following items (XVI.A.1.-3.) without board discussion. Any Board Member may ask that any item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

1. Council File 21-0407 (Rodriguez / Cedillo) “Neighborhood Council / Standardize Election Rules / Stakeholder Participation.” Motion: the GWNC will file a CIS in opposition to CF 21-0407 and submit the draft letter as presented.
2. City Council Redistricting (<http://redistricting2021.lacity.org/LACCRC/index.html>). Motion: the GWNC will file a CIS and/or submit the draft letter (as presented) to the LACCRC.
 - a) Upcoming Hearings: CD13 - July 29, 6:00 p.m.; C D4 - August 4, 6:00 p.m.; CD10 - August 28, 10:00 a.m.; Eastside/Central/Westside Regional - September 8, 6:00 p.m.

It was agreed to pull Item #XVI. A 3. from the Consent Calendar Motion.

Board Member Mike Genewick and Alternate Board Member Hayden Ashworth had left by this time, making 16 Board Members present online (the GWNC Board quorum was thirteen).

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION (by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Gresham): The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council approves the Consent Calendar Motion for Item numbers XVI. A. 1.-2.

CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 16 eligible voters present with 12 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Appel, Carpenter, Carroll, Chvatal, Curran, D’Atri, DeVore, Gilbert, Gresham, Roberts, Smith and Winther); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Portillo); three abstained (the GWNC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes or “no” votes) (Lloyd, Starr and Varghese).

3. Processes & Procedures Ordinance: (Zoning Code/Reorganization of Administration Provisions - CF: 12- 0460-S4). Motion: the GWNC will file a CIS and/or submit the draft letter as presented in response to the Processes & Procedures Ordinance (Council File: 12-0460-S4).

Mr. Starr noted that there was no letter yet to consider. No Motion was made or vote taken at this time.

XVII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Chvatal believed that the Transportation Committee Motion that was ruled out of order could have been handled differently.

XVIII. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. DeVore requested to Agendize the President’s meeting conduct. Mr. Gresham requested to Agendize a recap of the TOC Town Hall discussion. Mr. Suh requested that the Board Agendize including various information on the GWNC website; he believed that Committee business is being done “behind closed doors.”

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Upcoming GWNC Board Meeting. The next GWNC Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 via Zoom ID #966 7700 1434.

Mr. Starr noted the above.

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. D’Atri, seconded by Mr. Lloyd).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED by unanimous consent; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Minutes Writer

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